

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kondo, Tetsujiro, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/617,347  
For : INFORMATION ENCODING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM UTILIZING  
SPECTRAL SWITCHING FOR EMBEDDING  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN AN AUDIO SIGNAL (AS  
AMENDED)  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2007, having a three-month  
statutory period for response set to expire on October 19, 2007, please amend the above-  
captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.